

charter of the Fire Insurance Company of Allegany county, so as to enable said Company to declare semi-annual, instead of annual dividends,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Earle, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the House bill entitled an Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments, section 45 of Article 81, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Revenue and Taxes," and to add two sections thereto,

Reported it with the following amendment :

Amend title by striking out the words "and to add two sections thereto."

Which was adopted.

Said bill, as amended, was then read the second time.

Also,

The Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore county, to complete the Records in his office and to provide new Indices to the Land Records therein, and to provide the means for paying therefor, reported it with the following amendment :

Section 5, amend by striking out the entire section.

Which was adopted.

Said bill, as amended, was then read the first time.

Mr. Spates, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred House bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Miners' Bank of Frostburg,

Reported it without amendment.

Said bill was then read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Spates,

The regular order of business was suspended.

Mr. Spates submitted the following order :

Ordered, That a Committee of three be appointed by the President, with full power and authority to send for persons and papers, to examine the books, accounts, papers and proceedings of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and examine witnesses under oath, to the end that a full and entire investigation may be made of the accounts of the late President of said Company, Alfred Spates, as well as all other accounts, books, papers and proceedings of the present